

LED METERING

Installation and Operations Manual

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The Radio System's LED Bar Graph meter is designed to be used as an independent VU or peak reading audio-level meter. Each meter is manufactured as a stand-alone device with companion audio input and power supply circuitry. The meters are available packaged in a table-top box, or on a bracket for customer custom mounting. These brackets are also available factory rack mounted in 1, 2, 3 or 5 meter assemblies. The 1, 2 and 3 meter assemblies are mounted horizontally on a 3 1/2" high (2 rack unit) panel. Five meter assemblies are mounted vertically on a 7" high (4 rack units) panel.

Interconnection

The input impedance of each meter amplifier channel is 40k ohms. They can be connected directly across any balanced line without effecting signal level or frequency response. For unbalanced lines, connect the hot side of the input to the "+" terminal of the meter, and the ground side of the input in common to the "-" and "G" meter terminals.

For 0 VU, input levels can be as low as 50 mv (-24 dbm). Maximum recommended input level for 0 VU is 2.5 v (+10 dbm).

Calibration and Operation

Each meter has three adjustments, which should be made using a tone generator. Refer to illustration 12B, for the location of all of the variable meter controls on the rear of each meter.

To set meter sensitivity, connect a tone generator to an input. Use an independent, calibrated meter to determine that the input levels are at the desired value. Set the meter response mode switch for VU. Adjust the left and right sensitivity controls to light the last yellow LED, for 0 VU reading.

To set the peak flasher, first determine what level above 0 db you want the flasher to indicate. This will depend on overall system headroom, and/or processing. However, between 10 db and 14 db is generally practical. Increase the tone level by this amount, as indicated on the external reference meter. The bar graph meter should "peg". Set the peak indicator threshold control to just light the peak indicator LED on the back of the meter. This LED is provided, unlike the peak lamp on the front of the meter, to have no holding function - enabling more accurate calibration.

To operate the meter in the peak mode, select peak on the response mode switch and follow the same calibration procedure. However, sensitivity controls should be adjusted with the tone set at the peak value of the desired nominal output level. Otherwise, meters will be overly sensitive, and "peg" continuously. It is suggested that the peak flasher be adjusted to illuminate at this same peak level.

Circuit Description

Circuit board VM2 performs signal processing for both channel displays. IC201 and IC202 are input amplifiers and precision full wave rectifiers. One section of each quad IC is a DC amplifier which provide proper drive signal to the bar graph drivers.

SW1 selects the detector mode for VU or peak displays.

IC203 is a comparator which looks simultaneously at left and right signals and will trigger the peak flasher when either level exceeds the set level. D209 indicates peaks before the holding circuit to enable more precise setting of the peak.

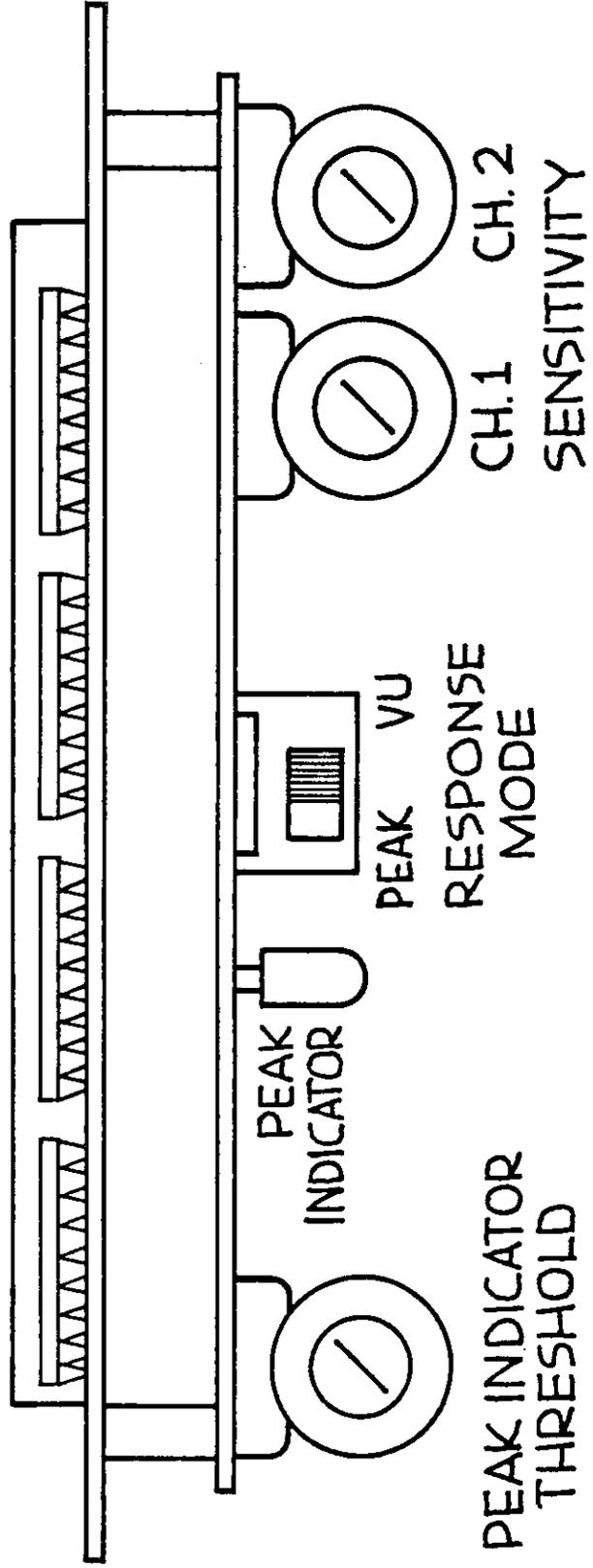
Board VM1 is the display and driver board. The driver chips are operated in the bar mode with their reference ladders connected in series. Each ladder is shunted by a precision resistor for maximum accuracy. JC109 provides on-card regulation of the reference ladder source voltage.

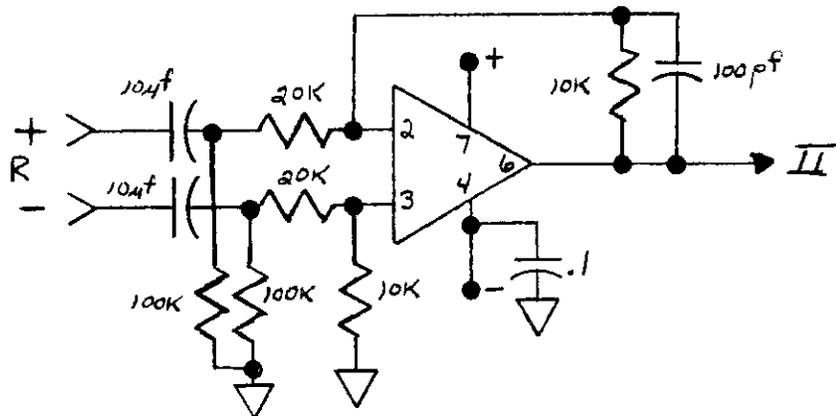
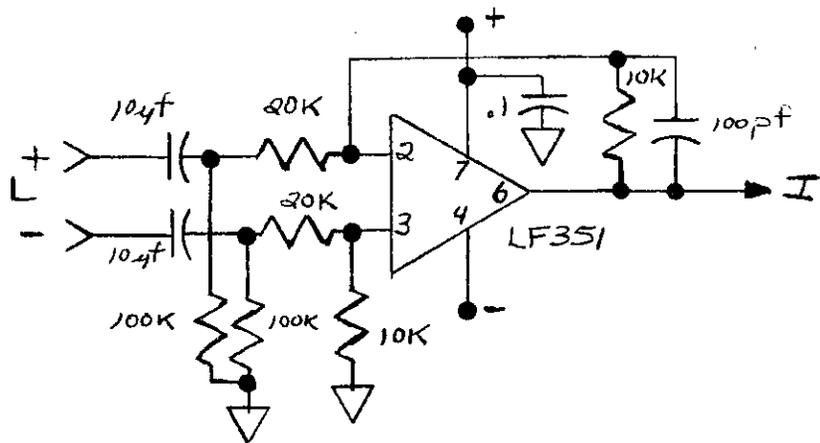
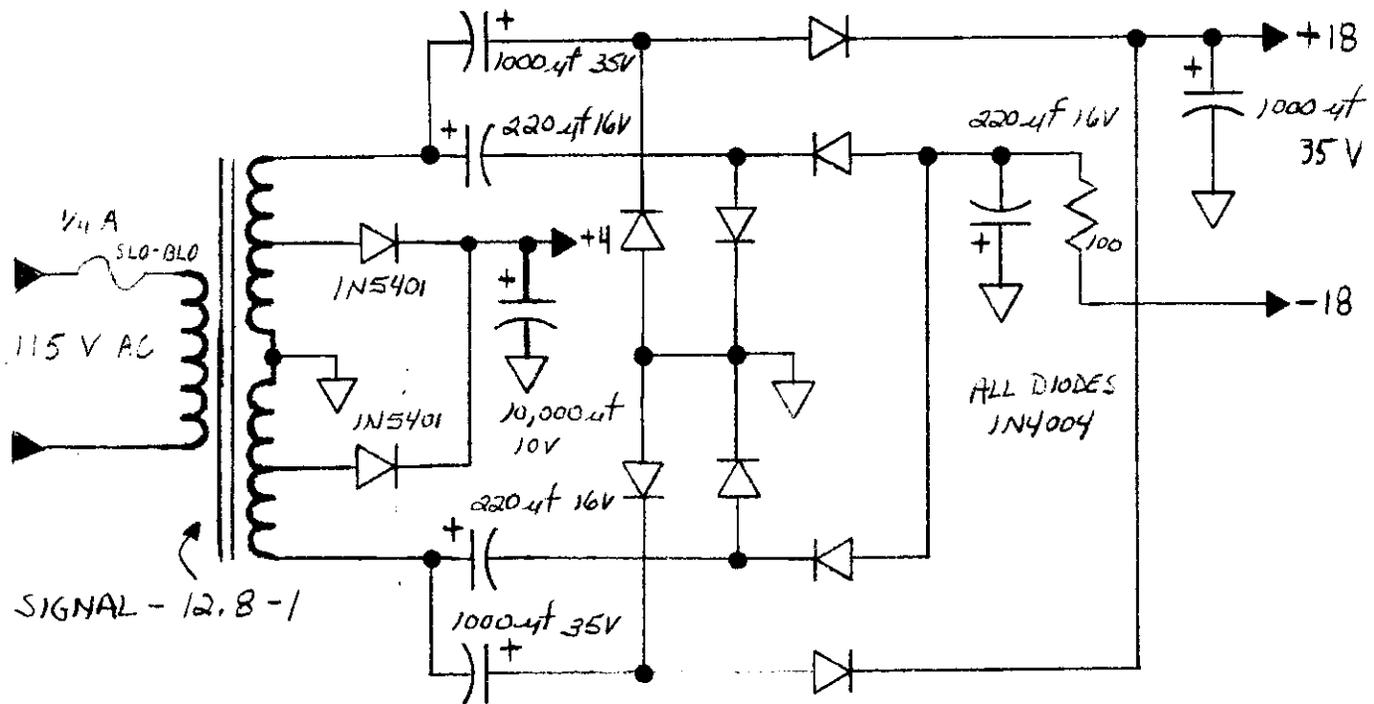
The power supply/audio input board provides unregulated +4 volts for the LED segments and unregulated +18 volts for signal processing. It also houses two op amp, balanced audio input stages. These amplifiers run at a gain of 1/2 to preserve the headroom of the meter input stages.

Warranty

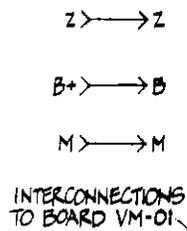
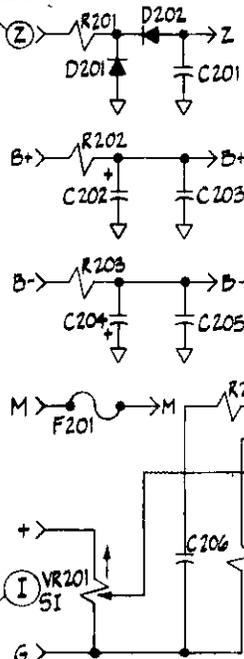
Radio Systems warrants for one year from date of purchase, parts and labor on any unit returned to us for repair. Please ship the unit prepaid with a note detailing the malfunction and reason for return. Repair and return of the unit will be made promptly. Within the warranty period, there is no charge for this service on units which show no sign of misuse or unauthorized alterations.

Illustration 12-B
Bar graph meter control locations



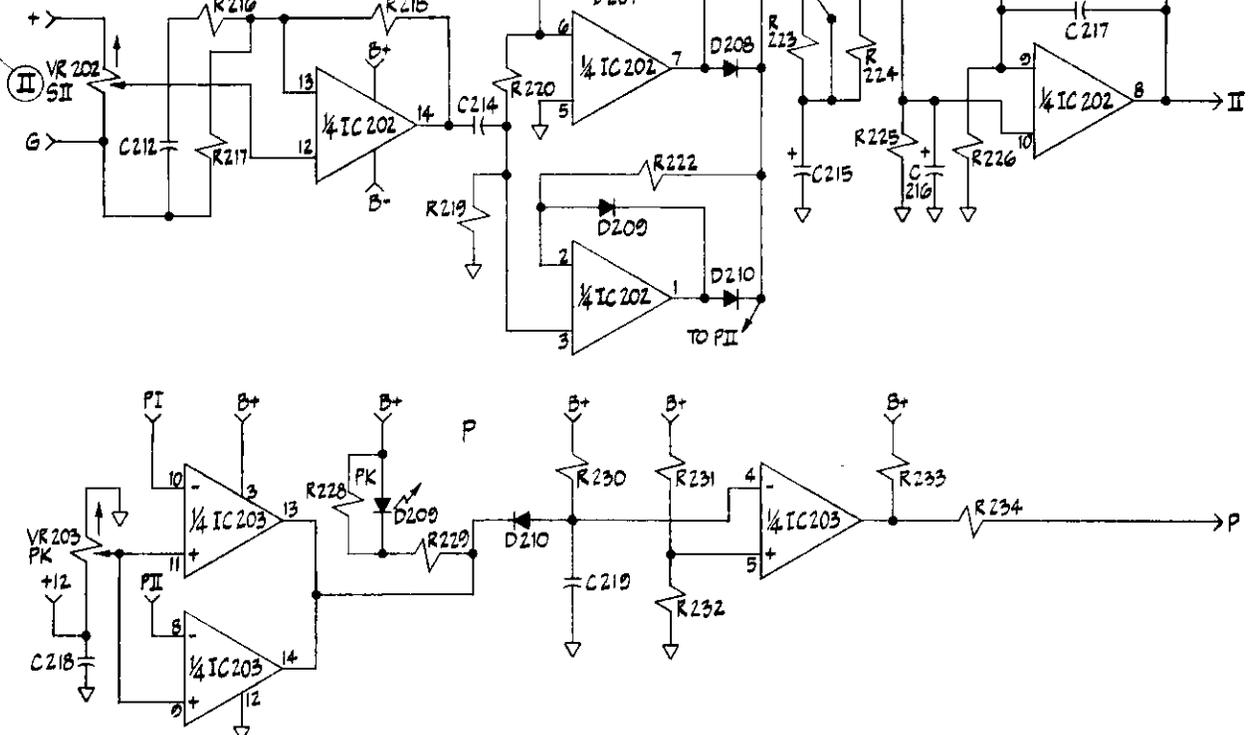


**POWER SUPPLY
TERMINAL DESIGNATIONS**



INTERCONNECTIONS
TO BOARD VM-01

**SIGNAL INPUT
DESIGNATIONS**

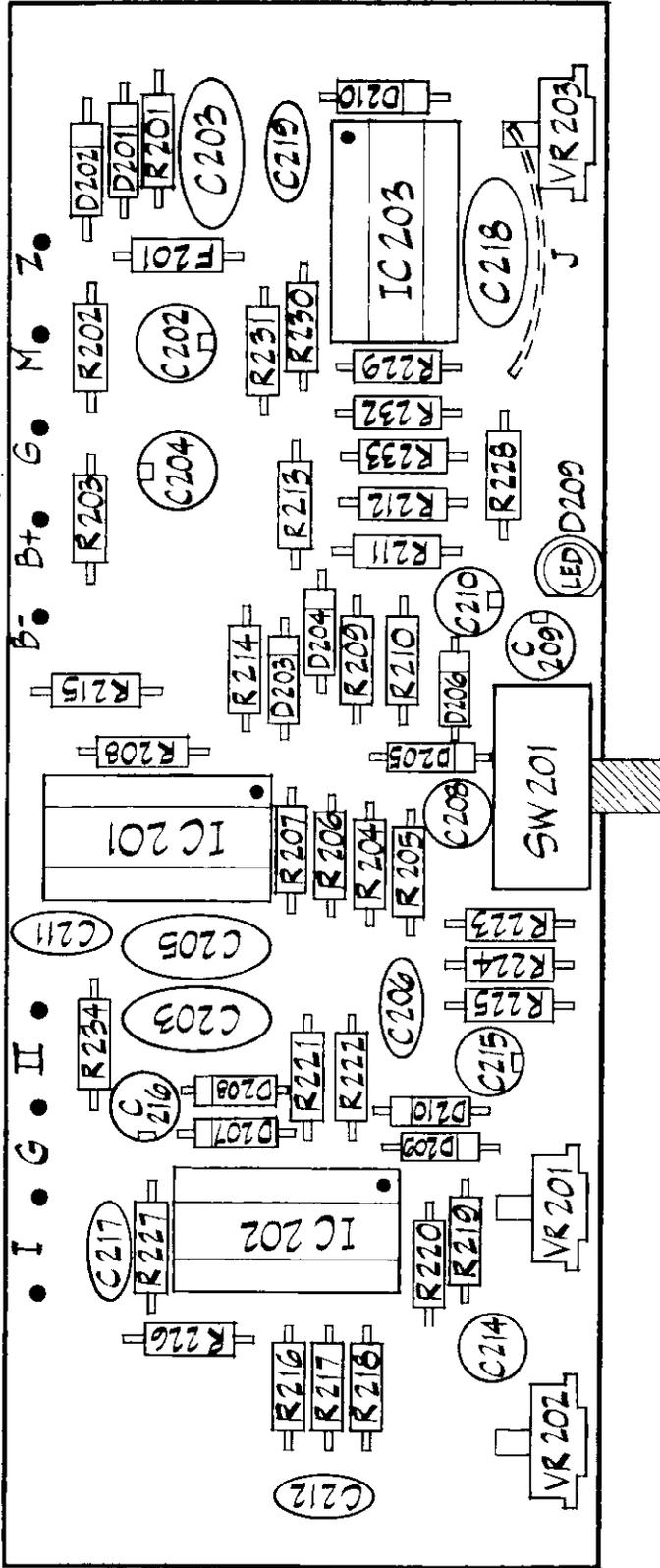


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SIGNAL INPUTS

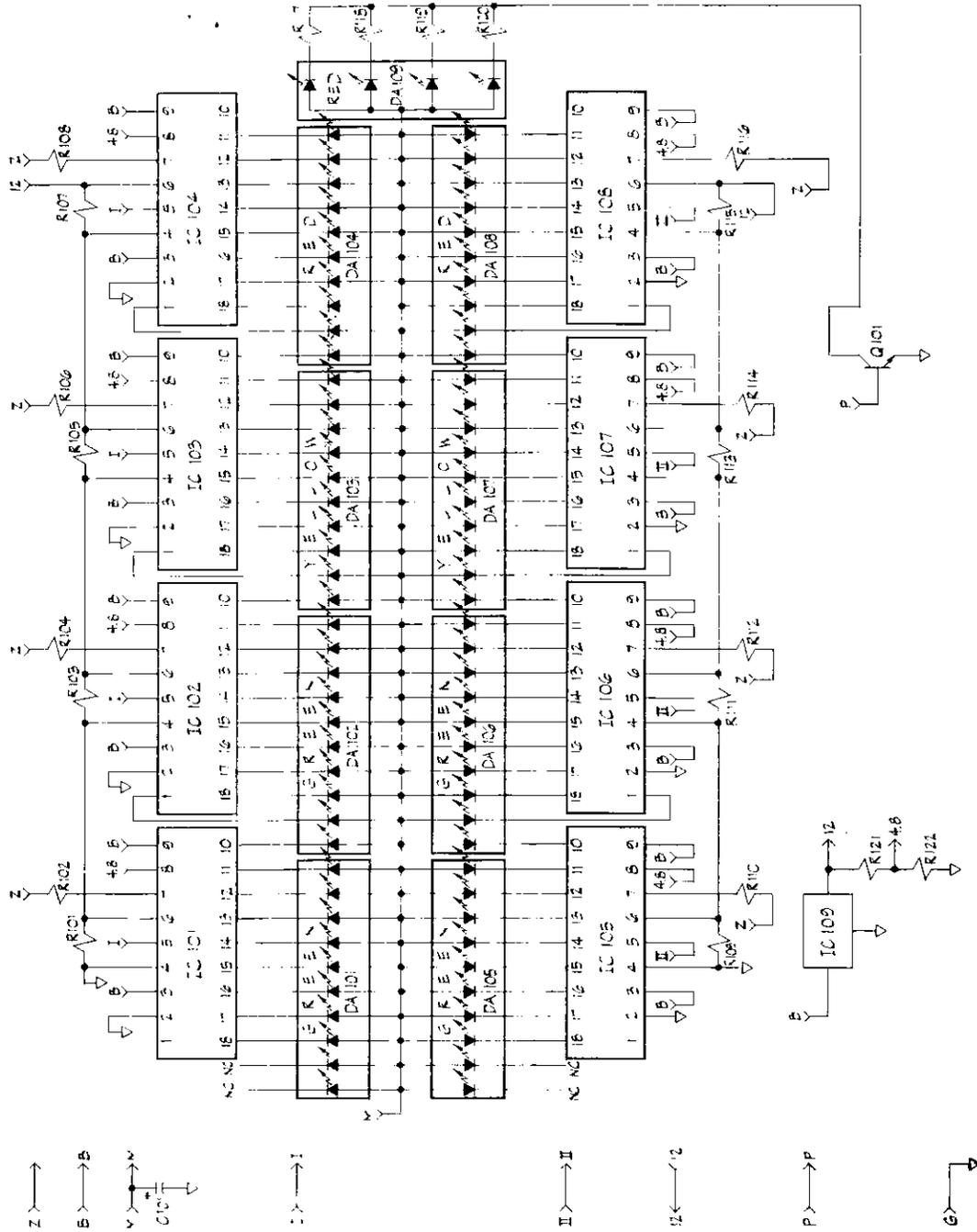


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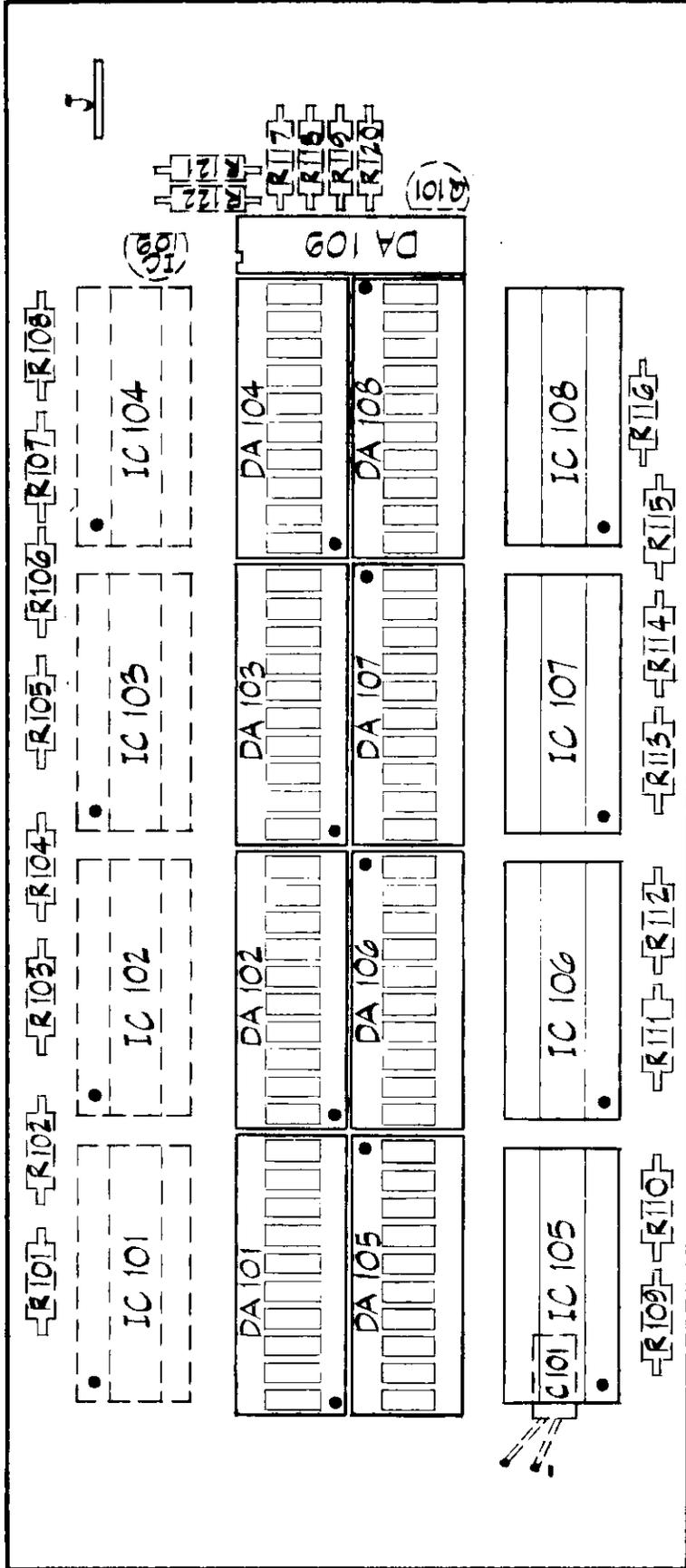


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BAR GRAPH METER ASSEMBLY PARTS LIST

VM-01 (numbers starting at 100) and VM-02 (numbers starting at 200)

| | |
|-------|---|
| C101 | Capacitor upright electrolytic 47 uf 16v |
| DA101 | LEd array H-P HDSP-4850 (green) |
| DA102 | LED array H-P HDSP-4850 (green) |
| DA103 | LED array H-P HDSP-4840 (yellow) |
| DA104 | LED array H-P HDSP-4830 (red) |
| DA105 | LED array H-P HDSP-4850 (green) |
| DA106 | LED array H-P HDSP-4850 (green) |
| DA107 | LED array H-P HDSP-4840 (yellow) |
| DA108 | LED array H-P HDSP-4830 (red) |
| DA109 | LED array H-P HDSP-2350 (red) |
| IC101 | Integrated circuit display driver LM 3914N |
| IC102 | Integrated circuit display driver LM 3914N |
| IC103 | Integrated circuit display driver LM 3914N |
| IC104 | Integrated circuit display driver LM 3914N |
| IC105 | Integrated circuit display driver LM 3914N |
| IC106 | Integrated circuit display driver LM 3914N |
| IC107 | Integrated circuit display driver LM 3914N |
| IC108 | Integrated circuit display driver LM 3914N |
| IC109 | Integrated circuit 12V regulator MC 78L12CP |
| Q101 | Transistor 2N3904 |
| R101 | Resistor, metal film 221 ohm 1/8W 1% |
| R102 | Resistor, carbon film 2.2k 1/8W 5% |
| R103 | Resistor, metal film 221 ohm 1/8W 1% |
| R104 | Resistor, metal film 2.2K 1/8W 1% |
| R105 | Resistor, metal film 221 ohm 1/8W 1% |
| R106 | Resistor, carbon film 2.2k 1/8W 5% |
| R107 | Resistor, metal film 280 ohm 1/8W 1% |
| R108 | Resistor, carbon film 2.2k 1/8W 5% |
| R109 | Resistor, metal film 221 ohm 1/8W 1% |
| R110 | Resistor, carbon film 2.2k 1/8W 5% |
| R111 | Resistor, metal film 221 ohm 1/8W 1% |
| R112 | Resistor, carbon film 2.2k 1/8W 5% |
| R113 | Resistor, metal film 221 ohm 1/8W 1% |
| R114 | Resistor, carbon film 2.2k 1/8W 5% |
| R115 | Resistor, metal film 280 ohm 1/8W 1% |
| R116 | Resistor, carbon film 2.2k 1/8W 5% |
| R117 | Resistor, carbon film 100 ohm 1/8W 5% |
| R118 | Resistor, carbon film 100 ohm 1/8W 5% |
| R119 | Resistor, carbon film 100 ohm 1/8W 5% |
| R120 | Resistor, carbon film 100 ohm 1/8W 5% |
| R121 | Resistor, carbon film 2.2k 1/8W 5% |
| R122 | Resistor, carbon film 1k 1/8W 5% |

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| C201 | Capacitor, dipped mylar | .1uF |
| C202 | Capacitor, upright electrolytic | 220uF 25v |
| C203 | Capacitor, dipped mylar | .1uF |
| C204 | Capacitor, upright electrolytic | 220uF 25v |
| C205 | Capacitor, dipped mylar | .1uF |
| C206 | Capacitor, disc ceramic | .001uF |
| C207 | Capacitor, non-polar upright electrolytic | 2.2uF 25v |
| C208 | Capacitor; upright electrolytic | 2.2uF 25v |
| C209 | Capacitor, upright electrolytic | 3.3uF 25v |
| C210 | Capacitor, disc ceramic | .47uF 50v |
| C211 | Capacitor, disc ceramic | 18pF |
| C212 | Capacitor, non-polar upright electrolytic | .001uF |
| C213 | Capacitor, upright electrolytic | 3.3uF 25v |
| C214 | Capacitor, upright electrolytic | 2.2uF 25v |
| C215 | Capacitor, disc ceramic | 3.3uF 25v |
| C216 | Capacitor, dipped mylar | .47uF 50v |
| C217 | Capacitor, disc ceramic | 18pF |
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| D201 | Signal diode 1N4148 | |
| D202 | Signal diode 1N4148 | |
| D203 | Signal diode 1N4148 | |
| D204 | Signal diode 1N4148 | |
| D205 | Signal diode 1N4148 | |
| D206 | Signal diode 1N4148 | |
| D207 | Signal diode 1N4148 | |
| D208 | Signal diode 1N4148 | |
| D209 | Signal diode 1N4148 | |
| D210 | Signal diode 1N4148 | |
| D211 | Signal diode 1N4148 | |
| D212 | LED diode H-P HLMP 3000 (red) | |
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| IC201 | Integrated circuit quad op amp | LF347N |
| IC202 | Integrated circuit quad op amp | LF347N |
| IC203 | Integrated circuit quad comparator | LM339N |
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| R201 | Resistor, carbon film | 10 ohm 1/4w 5% |
| R202 | Resistor, carbon film | 10 ohm 1/4w 5% |
| R203 | Resistor, carbon film | 10 ohm 1/4w 5% |
| R204 | Resistor, carbon film | 20k 1/4w 5% |
| R205 | Resistor, carbon film | 1k 1/4w 5% |
| R206 | Resistor, carbon film | 20k 1/4w 5% |
| R207 | Resistor, carbon film | 100k 1/4w 5% |
| R208 | Resistor, carbon film | 270k 1/4w 5% |
| R209 | Resistor, carbon film | 270k 1/4w 5% |
| R210 | Resistor, carbon film | 270k 1/4w 5% |
| R211 | Resistor, carbon film | 20k 1/4w 5% |
| R212 | Resistor, carbon film | 62k 1/4w 5% |
| R213 | Resistor, carbon film | 100k 1/4w 5% |
| R214 | Resistor, carbon film | 4.7k 1/4w 5% |
| R215 | Resistor, carbon film | 100k 1/4w 5% |
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| F201 | Fuse, picofuse style 2A | |

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| R216 | Resistor, carbon film | 20k | 1/4w | 5% |
| R217 | Resistor, carbon film | 1k | 1/4w | 5% |
| R218 | Resistor, carbon film | 20k | 1/4w | 5% |
| R219 | Resistor, carbon film | 100k | 1/4w | 5% |
| R220 | Resistor, carbon film | 270k | 1/4w | 5% |
| R221 | Resistor, carbon film | 270k | 1/4w | 5% |
| R222 | Resistor, carbon film | 270k | 1/4w | 5% |
| R223 | Resistor, carbon film | 20k | 1/4w | 5% |
| R224 | Resistor, carbon film | 62k | 1/4w | 5% |
| R225 | Resistor, carbon film | 100k | 1/4w | 5% |
| R226 | Resistor, carbon film | 4.7k | 1/4w | 5% |
| R227 | Resistor, carbon film | 100k | 1/4w | 5% |
| R228 | Resistor, carbon film | 10k | 1/4w | 5% |
| R229 | Resistor, carbon film | 2.2k | 1/4w | 5% |
| R230 | Resistor, carbon film | 22m | 1/4w | 5% |
| R231 | Resistor, carbon film | 1k | 1/4w | 5% |
| R232 | Resistor, carbon film | 10k | 1/4w | 5% |
| R233 | Resistor, carbon film | 10k | 1/4w | 5% |
| R234 | Resistor, carbon film | 10k | 1/4w | 5% |
| SW201 | Switch, DPDT | Alco MSS 2250 | RG | |
| VR201 | Potentiometer, trimmer, side adjust | 10k | | |
| VR202 | Potentiometer, trimmer, side adjust | 10k | | |
| VR203 | Potentiometer, trimmer, side adjust | 10k | | |

